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TO AMEMBASSY WARSAW

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STATE FOR NEA/ARN (HOLD FOR MARSHALL WILEY CONSULTATIONS)

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINR (LIK, LUCJAN), PL

SUBJ: DEPARTURE OF POLISH AMBASSADOR LUCJAN LIK

1. POLISH AMBASSADOR LUCJAN LIK HAS DEPARTED BAGHDAD FOR AN UNDISCLOSED ASSIGNMENT IN WARSAW. HIS SUCCESSOR, WHOSE NAME HAS NOT YET BEEN ANNOUNCED, WAS DESCRIBED TO A USINTOFF RECENTLY BY LIK'S PERSONAL SECRETARY AS A MAN COMING DIRECTLY FROM WARSAW WHO HAS "WORKED EFFECTIVELY AND RISEN RAPIDLY IN THE POLISH WORKERS' PARTY."

2. LIK IS IN HIS LATE FORTIES OR EARLY FIFTIES. BOTH HE AND HIS WIFE SPEAK GOOD ENGLISH. LIK ALSO SPEAKS FLUENT GERMAN AND IS FOND OF TWENTIETH CENTURY GERMAN LITERATURE, ESPECIALLY THOMAS MANN. HE APPEARED TO BE ON UNUSUALLY CORDIAL TERMS WITH GDR EMBASSY OFFICERS IN BAGHDAD AND WAS A REGULAR ATTENDEE OF MOVIES AND OTHER GDR CULTURAL EVENTS.

3. THE AMBASSADOR, WHILE FAR FROM A BACK-SLAPPER, MADE HIMSELF CONGENIAL TO AND RESPECTED BY MANY AMBASSADORS IN BAGHDAD. HE IS A GOOD CONVERSATIONALIST ON SERIOUS MATTERS. LATELY, HIS PRINCIPAL CONCERN IN DEALING WITH THE GOI WAS THE INCREASING PRESSURE FROM WARSAW TO BRING BACK SOME OF THE 600 POLISH NATIONALS NOW SERVING IN IRAQ. AS HE EXPLAINED,

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THIS WAS BECAUSE THE SURGING POLISH ECONOMY NEEDED

THEM MORE THAN THE IRAQI.

4. FOR WARSAW: PLEASE REPORT ON NEWLY NAMED
POLISH AMBASSADOR TO BAGHDAD WHEN INFORMATION
BECOMES AVAILABLE.

5. FOR STATE. USINT PRINCIPAL OFFICER MARSHALL W.
WILEY, ON CONSULTATION IN DEPARTMENT AT END OF
AUGUST, MAY WISH ADD TO THE ABOVE IMPRESSIONS.
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